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## To Subscribers and Agents.

The leading papers all over the country have been compelled to advance the subscription price of their dailies to 25 cents per week. White paper, which we purchased at 15 cents when our enterprise started, is now selling at 25 cents per pound, which compels us to advance our rates slightly. On and after Monday, January 2d, the rates for the DAILY PRESS will be as follows:

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" " " 6 months, 5.00  
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On and after Monday, the 9th of January, the price to agents, news-dealers and newsboys, 3 cents per copy. To regular subscribers, when delivered by carriers, 25 cents per week.

We hope our patrons will see the imperative necessity for the advances, which we shall gladly take off as soon as the fall in paper will enable us to do so.

We hope our friends all over the country will send in their subscriptions at once, to begin with the new year.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

## To those in Arrears.

As cash down is demanded for every article used in our business, we are compelled to call on all in arrears to pay up at once.

After February 1st no paper will be sent unless the money is paid in advance. All in arrears not paid up at that time will be stricken off our mail books. Send your orders at once.

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## News of the Day.

General Grant telegrams to Secretary Stanton that one of his staff had just returned from Fort Fisher with dispatches from Gen. Terry. These dispatches say that on the 16th the enemy blew up Fort Caswell and abandoned all their works in the neighborhood of Fort Fisher. These places were occupied by the navy. The rebels are of course now returning to our hundred and sixty-two. A large number of small arms and quantities of ordnance and commissary stores fell into our hands.

Letters from Mazatlan mentions the arrival there of Capt. Beauregard, a brother of the rebel General of that name. In the capacity of private agent, Mr. McMurtry, a recently retired Senator, Captain Beauregard reports that Gwin has been created a Duke by the Emperor Maximilian, and Sonora, Chihuahua, Durango, and Lower California have been ceded to the Emperor Napoleon by the Maximilian Government. The Emperor is to be furnished by the French Government for the capture of Mexico, and that Gwin has been appointed Viceroy of these States. It is proper to say that this story of the Captain is not believed to be all true.

The Secretary of War has sent a communication to the House in reference to the subject of the exchange of prisoners. The whole subject is referred to the committee of Gen. Grant, with instructions to do all in his power to bring about an honorable exchange. The rebels have thus far refused to make a general exchange. It is stated that there is only a part of a full exchange at any one time. The rest will be seen that the rebels are the only party of War not blame-worthy in the matter.

The Brooks-Butler controversy excited quite a spirited debate in the House on Monday. The particulars of the affair will be found on the first page of to-day's paper.

It is stated that Gen. Joe Johnston has been appointed to the command of all the rebel armies in the West. This ought to satisfy all the rebels and the Secretary of War.

Since Foote's return to Richmond he is reported to have been sent to the South by Congress, saying that he forced the South that he was opposed to negotiations; that his principal object in coming North was to get his wife to Nashville; that he intended to visit Lincoln to try to obtain an honorable peace; but finding that he would have to take the oath of allegiance he declined to go. This is contradictory enough to be worthy of Foote.

There was a very sharp debate yesterday in the House on the question of privilege raised by Mr. Brooks in relation to General Butler's letter to him. In the course of the debate Butler's conduct in taking \$50,000 from the pockets of New Orleans was discussed. Stevens, Brown, and Brooks were the chief speakers. The debate will be found in the telegraphic columns.

In the Senate a very interesting discussion took place on the retaliatory resolutions. Mr. Sumner offered a series of resolutions in lieu of those offered by Mr. Wade, to the effect that retaliation would be immoral because it would be used as a weapon, and could have no other effect than to degrade the national character and the national name and to bring down upon our country the condemnation of history, and that being thus impractical, useless, immoral and degrading, it should be rejected as a means of retaliation; also as the best basis of robbing and eating the person, is always rejected by civilized nations. The resolutions appear in full in the telegraphic report. Mr. Wilson offered an amendment to the present appoint Commissioners to confer with the rebel authorities with a view to devise some plan for the relief of our soldiers.

The Governor of Canada recommends to the Canadian parliament that action be taken toward raising \$60,000 in gold to indemnify the United States for the money stolen by the St. Albans' raiders.

News from the South represent that the rebels are concentrating troops at Brandeisville to oppose Sherman. Charleston, it is said, will be evacuated.

A dispatch from Washington states that at 3:40 P. M. yesterday the Smithsonian Institute was in flames, and it was thought that the building, with all its valuable contents, would be entirely destroyed. From what we can learn, the fire was subdued, not, however, without involving very considerable loss in the picture gallery.

Gold was reported in New York last night at 203.

It is said that the revenue derived from French newspaper stamps has been lately falling off at the rate of £100 a day, owing to the Moniteur du Soir, the Petit Journal, and other prints issued at the small cost of one sou.

Since our navy has brought Wilmington under the sway of our government, they will have to pay.

## How is Slavery Killed?

Copperhead, semi-copperhead, neutral, uncertain, and bewildered journals are discussing now and then with various degrees of anxiety and nervousness, the subject of offering the most liberal terms to the rebels as a condition of their returning to the Union fold. They all assume that liberality on the part of our Government is, if not the one thing needful, at least amongst the principal agencies now required to secure peace, restoration, harmony, and all the countless blessings attendant on these. Universal amnesty to all offenders is foremost amongst the conditions named by these pacifiers, in the "liberal terms" which they think the case requires. In regard to other conditions, they exhibit a practical discretion in remaining slightly indefinite. It is plain enough that they are squinting towards it is the old "Skeletor at the national feast" --Slavery. The liberal terms that they so long see proffered, are that the dear-ever-lasting nigger, shall be no longer interfered with, but shall be restored to all the privilege and blessings which he so much enjoyed prior to the war. And that the proclamation of emancipation shall be bodily and explicitly withdrawn, or at least declared null over such States and sections as may please to return to their allegiance. A few of these papers openly urge some measure of the kind. The rest declare that slavery being already destroyed by the rebellion should now be ignored in the settlement of terms of peace.

There is a great deal of loose talk about slavery being already destroyed, and a good deal of it is designed to divert public attention from the work of placing the institution where it will stay killed.

We believe too, that the institution is in ruins, as we have had sufficiently frequent occasion to say. But why is it in ruins? The class of politicians represented by the journals aforesaid, and who desire to keep on terms with the steadily growing sentiment of emancipation, and at the same time appear the regents and wraths of the devoted lovers of slavery, speak of its destruction by the rebellion as if that destruction were an overt act of the rebels, and something already accomplished and complete. But the simple truth is that slavery is doomed and crumbling, because the nation engaged in a life-and-death struggle with it, has decreed its overthrow, and has the power to enforce the decree. It is the rebound of the traitor's blow against the national life, and not the blow itself which has broken the idol. And all the talk about "liberal terms," ignoring the slavery question, and so on, is meant as a buffer to these recoil and destructive blows. Suppose the determination which was well nigh universal at the outset of the war, not to interfere with slavery, but rather to "put down with an iron hand" all attempts on the part of the negro to assume his own freedom, had continued. Would anybody be now saying that slavery is destroyed by the rebellion?

Why is it that the slaves throughout the rebel domain are loyal, and always ready and eager to do any service asked of them, however irksome or perilous it may be, by our soldiers or citizens flying from rebel prisons? Because they believe that the Yankees are their liberators, and are bringing on, with all possible dispatch, their day of jubilee.

The members were all present, except five or six. The utmost harmony and good feeling seems to prevail, and the session promises to be one of industry and usefulness.

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## General Terry.

ALFRED HOWE TERRY was born on the 10th of November, 1827, and is therefore but little more than thirty-seven years of age. Hartford, Conn., is his native place. He was educated in New Haven, the practice of which he began in 1848. In 1851 he became a county clerk in New Haven, serving six years, when he resigned and traveled a few months in Europe. When the military laws of Connecticut were revised, in 1851, he was commissioned a Captain in the 2d Artillery. Col. Terry offered his services to the Governor of his State on the breaking out of the rebellion. He was Colonel of a Connecticut regiment of three months' men at the battle of Bull Run, bringing up the rear in the retreat. In the report of Gen. Keyes to Gen. McDowell, it is said that Col. Terry was the only man who had distinguished himself.

He was promoted to Brigadier General of volunteers, March 24, 1862, and during the summer had command of the posts and forts on the Atlantic coast of Florida. He commanded a brigade in the battle of Pocotaligo, and has since been conspicuous in various engagements and affairs. His ranks now as Brevet Major General.

THE AGRICULTURAL BUREAU.—The preliminary report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for November and December says:

"However great the loss of farm labor has been, especially in the Western States, the usual amount of wheat, rye and barley has been sown. The weather has been unusually cool, so that putting these crops in has been a longer time during which to operate. It has been equally favorable for the growth of these crops, and should they escape freezing out, the spring will open with the promise of an undiminished yield of these important staples."

STATISTICS.—The debts of the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Michigan, as stated in the annual messages of the Governors, are as follows: Maine, \$5,237,000; Massachusetts, \$21,803,000; Illinois, \$11,178,000; Michigan, \$6,511,000. The same States have furnished the largest number of troops to the army since the outbreak of the rebellion: Maine, 61,000; one-tenth of her whole population; Massachusetts, 153,481; Illinois, 197,269; Michigan, \$0,000.

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### WEEPSER OR WORCESTER.

To the party getting up a Club of fifty subscribers to the WEEKLY PRESS, we will, on receipt of the hundred dollars, (the club rate,) present a copy of Webster's or Worcester's Unabridged Pictorial Dictionary.

For Afternoon Telegraph, River News, steamboat advertisements, &c., see fourth page.

OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT OF SOLDIERS AT PORTLAND—A MAN KILLED.—During Sunday and Monday there were several boats, with soldiers belonging to the 23d corps, lying at the landing at Portland. Some of the soldiers went up into the town on Monday and acted in a most disorderly and outrageous manner. Martin Nuppert, citizen, was robbed on the street in broad day light, by several of the scoundrels, of his watch and pocket-book. A party of them went into the barber shop of Reinhardt Pflantz and coolly took from his money drawer \$12 in money, and carried off other articles from the shop. Several of them went into the drug store of Adolph Deleme and appropriated some articles that pleased their fancy; and a slave boy named Thos. Huber lost boats and ships of the value of about \$50 in a similar manner. Either the officers did not try or they could not restrain the men from these acts of lawlessness. They could scarcely have been ignorant of the outrages committed by the men.

Monday night a number of these men went to a little whisky shop, kept by a man named Edward Burke, near the river, and asked for whisky. They were already drunk and noisy, and Burke refused to give them any. They became abusive and violent, and one of the party drew a revolver and shot Burke, killing him dead. They then broke and destroyed what little furniture there was in the shop, and drank and carried away what whisky they could find. The two or three policemen there, were of course powerless to preserve the peace.

These men are a disgrace to the service, and we hope they will be ferreted out, if not already known, and dealt with vigorously.

The stores were kept closed yesterday morning, as it was not considered safe to open them.

BOLD ROBBERY.—Mr. Rodgers, a merchant on Jefferson street, between Third and Fourth, while riding a condemned Government horse, with the "U. S." mark on him, in the lower part of the city Monday afternoon, was stopped by two mounted cavalrymen, who questioned him as to how the horse he was riding came into his possession. Without questioning their right to make such a demand of him, he showed them by papers he had with him that the horse had been condemned, and that he had purchased him of the government. Apparently satisfied with this, one of the men asked him what time it was, and when he pulled out his watch to inform him the sounder grabbed the watch and rode off at full speed, followed by his companion. It was a gold watch and a valuable one. Mr. Rodgers informed the military authorities of the bold robbery, and efforts will be made to ferret out and bring the scoundrels to punishment.

BODY OF A DROWNED MAN FOUND.—The body of a man named B. Bissinger, a tailor, who lived in Portland, was found in the river just below the ferry landing, at that place by two boys in a skiff Monday evening. Bissinger has been missing for some time past. He was last seen in company with two strangers, and it is strongly suspected that there has been foul play.

PRESENTATION.—Captain Skarrett, who has been on duty at the draft rendezvous, Taylor Barracks, for some time, has been relieved, and will probably be ordered to report at Savannah, Georgia. The clerks under him presented to him Monday night a handsome gold watch as a testimonial of their esteem and friendship.

KILLING.—A man named John Steinmetz was killed yesterday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, while working in an excavation on Underhill street, near the Bardswood road, by the falling of earth on him. An inquest was held by Coroner McGill on the body, and a verdict rendered in accordance with what is stated above.

BARRACKS.—One-hundred and eighty-five convalescents reported at Barracks No. 1, yesterday; 157 men were transferred to Nashville, 51 to New York, en route for Sherman's army, and 150 to Cairo. Twenty-three deserters, belonging to the 23d corps, were forwarded to Annapolis.

PRISONERS OF WAR.—Twenty-one rebel commissioned officers and 129 enlisted men were received at the Military Prison in this city from Nashville Monday night.

Fifty-nine commissioned officers and 135 enlisted men, prisoners of war, will be forwarded North to-day—the officers to Fort Delaware and the men to Camp Chase.

DRY TORTUGAS.—Edward Caddinger, Co. K, 24th Wisconsin, and Samuel A. Savage, Co. G, 11th Ohio, were received at the Military Prison Monday night, from Nashville, en route to the Dry Tortugas, to serve out the sentences of confinement for desertion.

Everybody receives a present with their ticket for the Presentation Concert—Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Depot for tickets and prizes, Cragg's Music Store, 221 Fourth st., 3245.

POLICE COURT.—Tuesday, January 24.—There was but a small amount of business before the Police Court. The following were disposed of:

Nancy Hawkins, stealing \$10 from Ross Austin. Discharged.

E. H. Brewer and R. A. Myers, drunk and disorderly. Referred to the military.

Mr. Bowtell first took up the charge that Gen. Butler had "gold fever" and had the report of the Commission read, which letter from Gen. Butler, to show that the firm of Smith & Co., from whom \$50,000 in gold had been taken by Butler, had been discovered to be bitter, active and unscrupulous rebels, and who refused to take the oath of allegiance as long as Butler was in command of the Orleans. It appeared from the letters of Butler that he used the money to pay off the troops, who had long been without funds.

This money was repaid to him, and he was ready to hand it to the War Department, provided he could be released from claims of Smith & Co.

Mr. Bowtell, including appealed to Brooks in view of the evidence he (Bowtell) had adduced either to reaffirm or retract his slander on Butler.

Mr. Bowtell claimed that Butler had been thoroughly vindicated.

Mr. Brooks, her rose and proceeded to repeat the remarks of Stevens of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brooks in the course of his remarks spurned the charge of his having sympa-

## GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENTS AT JEFFERSONVILLE.

The buildings erected at Jeffersonville for Hospital purposes, for ware houses, and the other improvements there by the Government, have been on a scale of expenditure, of which few of our readers perhaps have any thing like a correct idea. In constructing the hospitals and furnishing them with every modern appliance of convenience and comfort, the Government has not shown itself niggard of its means in looking to the welfare of the sick and wounded of our gallant armies. The Jefferson General Hospital, will accommodate two thousand patients, and is supplied with gas, hot and cold water, steam laundry, steam cooking apparatus, baths, steam pumps, &c., all upon the most approved modern plan. The cost of the plumbing, materials, pipes, &c., was \$33,000; of the water works, \$28,000. The cost of the whole structure was \$200,000. The "Low Hol" General Hospital, in one of the most eligible locations for a hospital in the whole West, near the falls of the river, will accommodate one thousand patients, and was erected at an expenditure of \$10,000. It is also arranged and furnished with reference to the entire comfort and the well being of its inmates.

Twelve large Government warehouses have been erected, capacious enough to contain thirty million dollars' worth of supplies. These are required to transact the immense business connected with supplying our armies in Tennessee and Georgia. Of these, there are two ordnance warehouses, 350 by 180 feet each, five commissary warehouses, 200 by 120 feet each, with cellars under each, the full size of the building; four commissary warehouses, 160 by 120 feet each; one quartermasters' warehouse, 150 by 60 feet. The total cost of these buildings was \$125,000. Switches of the Jeffersonville Railroad extend to each of them, and the five furnished with elevators are provided with a stationary engine, hoisting apparatus, and tramway, by which boats are loaded and unloaded with steam. A Worthington steam pump and fire apparatus have been provided for these buildings.

Barracks for the accommodation of six hundred men and twenty officers have been erected at a cost of \$15,000; and four stables, 24 by 210 feet, accommodating four hundred animals, at a cost of \$5,000.

A Government Bakery, erected at a cost of \$9,000, turns out 100,000 rations of pilot bread daily. A "Refugee Home," 150 by 25 feet, with an L extension for a dining room and kitchen, 50 by 25 feet, at a cost of \$2,000. Two Government workshops, 120 by 35 feet each, at a cost of \$5,000.

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The supersede of Hood by Dick Taylor is confirmed.

The Whig and Sentinel are out in extreme bitterness against reunion.

Canal Project.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The delegation has arrived here to secure appropriations from Congress for the construction of a canal, to connect Green Bay with Lake Michigan.

Fire in Sandusky, Ohio.

SANDUSKY, Jan. 24.—About four o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the large stone building occupied by Pierce, Woolsey & Co., a soap factor, and planing mill. The fire, however, did not do much damage, as the large amount of stock was entirely destroyed by the fire. Some 50 hands are thrown out of employment. Loss on stock \$50,000, on which there is an insurance of \$7,500. The building was owned by R. R. Hubbard & Co., on which there was no insurance.

Detonation of the Smithsonian Institute by Fire.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 3:40 P. M.—The Smithsonian Institute is now completely enveloped in flames and it looks as if its entire contents would be consumed.

Mr. Sumner offered the following as a substitute for the resolution before the Senate.

Resolved, That the treatment of our officers and soldiers in rebel prisons is cruel, savage and heartless beyond all precedent. We are seeking to secure against the Secessionists, and possibly of Charleston, any preventors from undertaking any movement for a rise as is usual after a material decline. The highest price paid this morning was 200½ and the lowest 198.

Gold Market in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Gold is weak, but without much excitement. Speculators are anxious, but are mostly on the bear side. Extra strength is given to the market by the arrival of a large amount of gold from the West, and possibly of Charleston, which is to be sent to New York.

Mr. Bowtell called up the bill to reimburse Missouri for expenses in calling out, equipping, and feeding the militia of that State.

Mr. Bowtell moved it be made the special order for Tuesday next—adopted.

Mr. Bowtell, in his speech calling on the Secretary of War to inform the Senate why he had not appointed a Commission to compensate loyal owners of colored volunteers in the field, said, "I have no objection to the bill, but I do not believe it was so ordered."

Mr. Bowtell offered a bill to re-establish the mail service between the United States and China. Referred to Committee on Post-offices.

Mr. Bowtell offered a resolution instructing the Conference to examine the system of checks in the office of Registry of the Treasury and to report if any legislation is necessary for the sake of the public service.

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## Summary of News by Yesterday

### Evening's Dispatches.

**Statement of the Secretary of War—Army and Navy Moving on Wilmington—Removal of Obstructions in the River—The Rebels Destroying their Works—The City Reported Fully Defended—An Advance on Charleston is Feared,**

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—**The Secretary of War communicates to the House a statement in regard to the exchange of prisoners, together with a correspondence on the subject not hitherto published.

On the 15th of October the subject of exchange was placed under the direction of Gen. Grant, who, in his opinion, any step he might deem proper to effect a release of our soldiers and of loyal prisoners held by the rebel authorities. He was instructed that it was the desire of the President that no efforts be consistent with a national honor should be spared to effect a just compensation.

Arrangements were made for the supply of our prisoners with articles to be distributed under the direction of our officers, paroled for the purpose, and a corresponding privilege was extended to the rebel authorities, in order that exchanges for released prisoners might be effected whenever desired on behalf of our prisoners. Such exchanges have, in a few instances, been permitted by the rebels, but in many others they have been denied. A large number of exchanges, including that of the sick, have been effected within a recent period.

The Commissary General of Prisoners has been directed to make a detailed report of all the exchanges that have been accomplished since the general exchange ceased. He will furnish the House a copy of the report of the Commissary of Gen. Grant gives a reason for the belief that a full and complete exchange of all prisoners will speedily be made; it also appears from his statement that only supplies were furnished to our prisoners and distributed by officers of our own government.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—**The Wilmington Commission of the 30th says: Fort Fisher fell last night after an obstinate resistance. Gen. Whiting and staff, with about 3,000 troops, are now in the hands of the enemy. The conflict within the fort was a very severe one, and lasted for two hours. We have no spirit to enter into details or comment on the disastrous event. We may tell our readers, however, that the gallant Whiting did his duty, but had to succumb to their force of numbers, having been assailed on his sea land and rear by the rebels from an authoritative source, that the salt works will again be in successful operation by the first of February next, possibly before so slight was the injury to them by the late Yankee raid.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—**The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the nomination of Charles A. Dana, to be Assistant Secretary of War, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Peter H. Watson.

The news is, as yet, no confirmation of the report that Gen. Terry had occupied the place, but on the day the movement commenced, explosions in that direction were heard, and it was supposed that the rebels were blowing up their fortifications, preparatory to evacuating.

Two gunboats, the "Casper" and "Cochise" on the west side of Cape Fear River had been captured by the Union troops who met with little opposition. A chart of the river had been found showing where the rebels had sunk the torpedoes, and many of these had been taken up. A number of torpedoes planted in the river above Fort Fisher had also been removed.

Two gentlemen who were recently doing business in Wilmington as merchants arrived in this city yesterday. They got out of the rebel lines when Fort Fisher was taken, but was still at the wharf last evening, with steam up.

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